

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it not a fact that the estimates of Tumbnerale, Heeranahalli and Doddakanya show that they give a return of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as required by the rules?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I do not think so. My information is that the revenue returns are less than what is required.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know the actual cost of the works and the percentage of return on that basis?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I would like to have notice.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether Government will examine these estimates once again.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes.

Agricultural Farm at Doddaghatta Village in Channagiri Taluk.

Q.—704. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in view of the fact that an area of over a lakh of acres will be irrigated by the Bhadra Reservoir Project in Channagiri, Harihar and Davangere Taluks, it was decided to start an Agricultural Farm on the lines of the V.C. Farm near Doddaghatta Village in Channagiri Taluk;

(b) whether the Scheme was deferred by the previous Ministry on the ground that under the go-slow programme of the Bhadra Reservoir Works there was no chance of the area coming under irrigation in the near future;

(c) whether they will revive the Scheme and accord sanction for the establishment of the farm in view of the accelerated programme of Bhadra Reservoir works adopted by the present Ministry.

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Will be considered.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Are Government aware that it will take sometime for them to take preliminary measures like

acquisition of land and things like that?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes. It would take quite a lot of time.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—If the sanction is accorded immediately, by the time it becomes a full-fledged farm, there will be irrigation facilities. Is it not so?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The matter is yet to be considered and adequate provision and all that has to be made for this. I know it will take time for a farm to be organised and work to be started and also it will take some more time for the results of the farm to be made available to the cultivator.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Are Government aware of the need for immediate sanction of the scheme? If the scheme is sanctioned then the officers concerned can take action.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes, Sir. It will be considered. As a matter of fact some of the works have been done over and over again. Apart from this the question of starting a farm in this place will be considered as soon as possible.

Holidays given to the Government Press.

Q.—785. Sri P. R. RAMAIA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays given to the Government Press, Bangalore, what are they;

(b) whether it is a fact that 'Buddha Pournima' and 'Bali Padyami' are not holidays for the workmen of the Government Press, Bangalore;

(c) whether there is an Association of the Employees of the Government Press, Bangalore;

(d) the representations made by them to the Press Authorities?

(e) whether the Authorities have considered these representations favourably?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

A.—(a) 1. Ministerial Establishment.—As per Calendar holidays.

2. Industrial Establishment.—Please see statement below.